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Senator Tim Sheldon Washington State Legislature 408 Legislative Building Olympia, **WA** 98504

Dear Senator Tim Sheldon:

**As** one of our state's "senior citizens," I'm writing to express my very deep concern over our continuing lack of competition in long distance telephone service.

There is no lack of evidence to support the fact that genuine competition would save our state millions of dollars every year. Consumers in other stales — like New York and Texas — already enjoy the cost-saving benefits of long distance competition. It has been proven time and again that competition not only reduces the high price of making a long distance call, it almost always also ushers in technological advances and improved overall phone service. This, in turn attracts business to our state, business that might otherwise locate elsewhere where long distance rates are cheaper.

For people like me, who live on a fixed income and must make every penny count, lower long distance rates would be a very real blessing. And there's no good reason that 1 can determine why we don't go ahead and let phone companies like Qwest enter the long distance marketplace. What on earth are we waiting for?

But there's more to this problem than just saving money. For people like me, with loved ones living far away, the high price of making long distance phone calls, prohibits me from calling them as often as I would like. It's a burden that simply should not be placed on seniors.

I urge you to do everything in your power to change this situation for the better. It doesn't require all that much. Just do what you can in your position of influence to introduce genuine long distance competition to our state.

Sincerely,

Ralph Grisham PO Box 942

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The Honorable Mark Shurtleff Attorney General 236 State Capitol Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Efforts to bring real long distance competition to Utah have been sluggish compared to attempts in other states. At least 10 other states are all currently enjoying the benefits of increased long-distance completion provided by their local phone company.

Yet here, we continue to encounter delay after delay. Why?

More competition in the market will encourage the current long-distance carriers to lower their rates and improve their customer service. I write in hope that you will agree and join in me in urging an end to delays preventing phone customers from saving money.

Best regards,

250 Bell Plaza 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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To word Concentrational Commission March 17, 2002

Mr. Brad Owen Lieutenant Governor Office of the Lieutenant Governor 304 Legislative Building Olympia, WA 98504

De Mr. Brad Ow

Our state is losing out, and as a consumer, I think it's time we did something about it.

Phone customers in at least 10 other states have a real choice for long distance service while we continue to wait. I've read that in our state, we could save tens of millions of dollars a year -- on both our local and long distance phone bills - if we simply had real long distance competition.

In New York, customers have had real choices since early 2000. In Texas, since the middle of 2000. And yet, more than two years later, we continue to wait. Why?

Other states are pulling ahead, leaving us behind. As a consumer in this state, I'm being denied the opportunity to choose among real competitors for my long distance service.

We can't afford to sit still any longer. I hope you agree with me that it's time for real long distance competition in our state.

Sincerely,

Christopher Kelly 11209 SW 267th Place

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Mr. John Engber State Director U.S. Sen. Patty Murray 2988 Jackson Federal Building Seattle, WA 98174

Dear Mr. Engber,

My long distance phone bill keeps going up, which makes no sense because 1 know the cost of this service for national providers like AT&T and MCI is getting cheaper. Yet, they raise their prices and add on more and more confusing charges all the time, because they know they can get away with it.

So why can't we get some more competition here? I know Qwest is trying to get into the business, and it seems like they're inaking a good effort, so what's the problem?

The only way my long distance bill will come down is if there are more providers, like Qwest, competing for the business. I also think that customer service will actually get better if local providers are allowed to offer long distance service. And it could even bring more competition for local phone service as well, since providers could offer services in a bundle, with local, long distance and Internet access included.

I hope that you agree that we need more competition for long distance service in Washington, and I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this subject.

Sincerely, Larry Elaren

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Mr. David Danner Governor's Executive Policy Office P.O. Box 43113 Olympia, **WA** 98504-3113

Dear Mr. Danner:

I am writing in support of Qwest's re-entry into our state's long distance market. I believe it will be good for rural consumers like me. But I must say, I am getting very tired of waiting. Why are there these continued delays?

Rural residents face special challenges since it often costs telecommunications companies more money to service them, often with less return on their investment. But rural residents like me deserve the same advantages as our friends and relatives in urban areas – and full, fair long distance competition will help.

With a real choice for long distance service, we rural residents will enjoy benefits like lower prices, improved service and advanced technology. Not only that, but real long distance competition will shrink the gap between rural and urban residents, helping close the so-called digital divide – and everyone will benefit.

But rural customers like me continue to wait, wait for the day we have real choice

Lurge you to join me in supporting Qwest's effort to offer long distance in our state ... and in ending the delays.

Sincerely, Marion Nichole

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Michael K Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S W. Washington, D C

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Dear Chairman Powell,

I sit on the Board of Directors of VisionTEK Inc., a leading supplier of wireless communication software for use in law enforcement. In this capacity I am aware of the vital importance of telecommunications and the value of open competition.

It is my understanding that your committee is reviewing a request from Qwest to offer long distance service in Colorado. I urge you to act quickly on this matter and approve this request. It will be good for all businesses in Colorado.

Thank you for your consideration

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April 25, 2002

WC DOCKET NO. 02-189

Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission **445** 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W. Washington, DC 20554

RE: Qwest Communications Long Distance Application

Dear Chairman Powell.

As a commercial real estate developer and former economic developer in the state of Colorado, and more specifically in the Denver Metro area, I have a great interest in seeing that Qwest is approved to provide long distance service in Colorado. We are owners of approximately ten office buildings in the Denver area consisting of approximately 1.3 million square feet of space. This office park will be home to an estimated 3500 to 4000 employees. Qwest has invested approximately a million dollars into our business park and therefore, is our primary carrier. They have been a good neighbor and a good business partner for us, and I would hate to see them be denied permission *to* offer long distance service.

Our success at the Jefferson Corporate Center will be a direct correlation to the success of Qwest as a full service carrier. I, therefore, urge you to approve Qwest's application to provide long distance service in Colorado

Very truly yours,

Rob Gilmore Vice President



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Mr. Michael K Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I own a small business of 30 people and, over the last two years, telecommunication services have become one of our largest expense for doing business. I am aware that Qwest is applying to the FCC for permission to offer long distance service here in Colorado and I encourage the Commission to approve their application. It will eliminate some confusion in the current process and hopefully produce lower overall telecommunications cost for small businesses.

Having our local phone company provide long distance service will gives us a one-stop shop for procuring our telecommunication services. Today, we face the challenge of buying from many different companies, each with their own language, billings, rates. paperwork, services, etc. I can not afford one, but I almost need a telecommunications expert on staff to explain the various bills and to tell me what is best for my company.

I am also looking for lower overall telecommunication costs and better customer service. Traditionally, there are discounts for customers that purchased most or all of their telecommunication services from the same company. To do this, all telecommunication firms must be able to offer all services if they chose to do so and let them compete for my business based on cost and service.

Sincerely,

Les Townsend, President **Townsend Management Group** 

#### CARRUTH PROPERTIES COMPANY 10720 Bradford Road, Suite 108 Littleton, Colorado 80127 303-973-3344

June 3,2002

Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554 OCT 2 2 2002

Re: Quest Communications Long Distance Application KET NO. 02-189

Dear Chairman Powell:

Since 1973, my company has been the primary developer and manager of Ken-Caryl Business Center, a 300-acre business park located along C-470 in Southwest Denver. To date. approximately 1.6 million square feet of office, R&D and retail space has been built, offering a variety of services and nearly 4,000 jobs to area residents and employees. **At** build-out of Ken-Caryl Business Center, anticipated in 2006, there will be 2.5 million square feet and 7,000 jobs.

Quest Communications (and its predecessor US West) has been the primary provider of telecommunications services to Ken-Caryl Business Center. It is in the mutual best interest of the developer, businesses and service providers that an optimum level of competition be available in the overall provision of telecommunications services. For that reason. I fully support Quest's application to provide long distance service in Colorado. The approval of the Federal Communications Commission is highly encouraged.

Sincerely,

Dennis Carruth

President

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Dear Chairman Powell:

We are a video and audio production company in Colorado who deals with technology and the changing industry of multimedia and film on a daily basis. Not only do we own **state** of the **art** video and audio equipment, but we also rely on telecommunications for the survival of our company. **Our** web development division converts our video and audio productions into Internet streaming, thus we rely on high speed bandwidth and the ability to transmit the images and sounds.

Our ability to utilize affordable priced telecommunications products is important to a small business like ourselves. We have heard Qwest is applying to the FCC for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado. The purpose of this letter is to encourage the FCC to grant that request.

Thank you for your time. We hope you will act upon Qwest's request quickly, thereby allowing customers the access to their offerings.

Best regards,

Maury Dobbie President/CEO

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Mr. Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

Our corporation is headquartered in Edwards, Colorado, a rural community which has experienced explosive growth over the past few years, due to our proximity to major ski resorts in the State.

Individuals who are fueling this growth are generally at the upper end of the economic spectrum, and a key element of their decision to move to our community is access to global information and high quality telecommunications services.

The pending application of Qwest Corporation to enter Colorado's long distance market will help improve telecommunications service in our State, which in turn will help our Company, our community, and the new and existing residents of our area. We urge the FCC to swiftly approve this application.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Williams

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I am an international business consultant with clients and business across the globe. Primarily, I work with developing countries on behalf of USAID and help them develop legal and regulatory frameworks that promote the use of IT. This, of course, involves numerous considerations concerning the liberalization and privatization of monopoly PTIs. I have seen first hand how competition improves service, lowers prices, and enables the widespread deployment arid utilization of information and communication technologies.

I understand that Qwest Communications, my local bell operating company, is applying for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado. I wholeheartedly support this application for several reasons. First, I believe that competition will drive better service, more choice and newer technologies – all of which are important to my business. Second, I believe that the current long distance providers will respond to this new competition in ways that will benefit all consumers and businesses in Colorado.

As you know, our communications legal and regulatory framework is used as a model around the world. It is difficult to persuade governments in developing countries to open their telecommunications markets when we still allow pockets of monopoly service. As former director of domestic policy for the U.S. Chamber, I was involved in the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In the six years since its passage, I have watched the major communications providers cleverly try to get into new markets while protecting their own. It is time to loosen the regulatory controls and let competition and the market place work. Opening the long distance market in Colorado would send a positive message around the globe, and it would benefit our citizens and small businesses. Turge you to act expeditiously on Qwest's application.

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Dear Chairman Powell:

As a medium-size business owner in Boulder County, Colorado, efficient communication is important to my business. As technology evolves, it is critical that my business keep up with the changing pace in order to compete and remain successful. With Qwest as my local telephone and DSL provider, it would simplify and, most likely, be cost-effective to have all my telecommunication needs met by one provider.

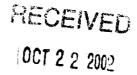
I understand that Qwest has a pending application before the FCC that would enable them to provide long-distance service in Colorado. I would urge the FCC to act in a positive and timely manner to this request as I believe this would be in the best interest for my business operations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

David Gray President





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P.O. Box 1212 Buena Vista, CO 81211 (719) 395-2602

February 21, 2002

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We understand that consumers in some other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition, including New York. Texas, Massachusetts. Oklahoma and Kansas, are experiencing the benefits and lower prices from the entry of state's local phone company We are anxious for Colorado consumers to enjoy the same positive benefits when Qwest is allowed to compete for long distance services

We are aware that the Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for the past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. We also understand that extensive testing by an impartial party was performed to verify that Qwest's network is fair and open to all long distance service providers

Therefore, we urge the Federal Communications Commission to act quickly on Qwest's application in Colorado and approve the company's re-entry in the long distance business so that the positive benefits of full competition can soon be realized by all the citizens in the state

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request If you have any questions, please call me at 719-395-2602

Sincerely.

Jeff Ollinger, Administrator

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Michael K Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S W Washington, D C 20554

Dear Mr. Powell,

I ani writing in support of Qwest's application to enter the long distance of Qwest's Applicatio

As a small theatrical production company we *see* the positive results **of** competition every day, i.e., a richer and more diverse community of performing artists. Theatre companies sometimes go under, but others evolve to *take* their place, allowing the company of players to survive. This process benefits the community at large, as the **quality** of the productions increases in tandem with the sophistication of the audience.

I believe this pertains as well to the cutthroat business of telecommunications I urge you and the FCC to act speedily in support of fair competition in Colorado long distance service.

Sincerely,

Richard Robb



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Michael K. Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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#### Dear Chairman Powell:

As a small architectural business firm the importance of telecommunications is essential to our success in that we have to do three major steps to be successful on projects and that is "communicate, communicate, communicate." Many of the problems that arise would not exist if we were able to provide better communication with a reasonable cost, great service, etc.

Colorado is growing and opening up Colorado's telecommunications market is an important and necessary way to assist this growth positively.

I know Qwest is applying to the FCC for permission to offer long distance service in Colorado and I encourage the FCC to act quickly and positively on this request.

**As** the State of Colorado Small Business Person of the Year in 1986I know how much telecommunications means to the success of small businesses.

Respectfully submitted,

James. L. Allred, NCARB



March 1, 2002

The Honorable Magalie Roman Salas Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.-Portals Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Ms. Salas,

On behalf of the St. Vincent General Hospital District, I am Witing to you to express full support for Qwest's application to re-enter the long distance business in Colorado. We believe increased competition will provide our patients and others in the community broader choices, lower prices, better service and the chance *to* utilize new products and services.

As a hospital in Lake County, we represent the health care industry, specifically rural health care. We employ over 170 people in Lake County, all who support the health and safety of our residents. We believe it is imperative to have increased long distance competition because it will generate increased investments in Colorado, enhance the business climate in the state and county, and most importantly allow the hospital to expand crucial medical services. With better health care services, we can attract economic growth in Lake County. Competitive long distance telecommunications services are essential to the health care industry.

We understand that consumers in other states where the Federal Communications Commission has approved increased long distance competition are experiencing the benefits and lower prices from the entry of state's local phone company.

We are also aware that the Colorado's Public Utilities Commission has worked diligently for the past two and half years to ensure that Qwest has complied with all of the requirements of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling their entry into the long distance market. We also understand that extensive testing by an impartial party was performed *to* verify that Qwest's network is fair and open to all long distance service providers.

We urge the Federal Communications Conimission to act quickly on Qwest's application in Colorado and approve the company's re-entry in the long distance business, as it is necessary the state and our county receives the benefits of full competition.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request.

Larry Learning, CEO